REMARKS

Claims 1-184 were pending in the present application. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-184 are cancelled herein. New claims 185-194 have been added. Claims 185, 192, 193 and 194 are independent.

Applicants have amended the specification to insert claims for priority to parent applications and to update continuation data.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner's early examination and consideration are respectfully requested.

Alternatively, if there are any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney using the information provided below.

Please charge any fees that may be required for this Amendment to <u>Deposit</u>

<u>Account No. 50-0271</u>. Furthermore, should an extension of time be required, please grant any extension of time which may be required to make this Amendment timely, and please charge any fee for such an extension to <u>Deposit Account No. 50-0271</u>.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Dean P. Alderucci at telephone number (203) 461-7337 or via electronic mail at Alderucci@walkerdigital.com.

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- Kindly add the following new claims 185 - 191

185. A method comprising:

determining an upsell in dependence on a purchase; and determining an upsell price in dependence on the purchase; and

offering to sell the upsell for the upsell price.

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186. مروباون A method comprising:

generating a purchase price of a purchase;

determining an upsell in dependence on the purchase price;

determining an upsell price in dependence on the purchase price; and offering to exchange the upsell for the upsell price.

187. (AMENDED) A computer implemented method comprising:

generating a purchase price of each [a] purchase;

generating a rounded price;

calculating a round-up amount, the round-up amount being a difference between the purchase price and the rounded price;

for each purchase, determining an upsell in dependence on the round-up amount;

and

outputting a signal indicative of the upsell.

188. (AMENDED) A computer implemented method comprising:

generating a purchase price of each [a] purchase;

generating a rounded price;

calculating a round-up amount, the round-up amount being a difference between the purchase price and the rounded price;

for each purchase, determining an upsell in dependence on the round-up amount; and offering to exchange the round-up amount for the upsell.

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189. A method comprising:

generating a purchase price of a purchase;

generating a plurality of rounded prices;

calculating a respective round-up amount for each rounded price, each round-up amount being a difference between the purchase price and a rounded price;

determining a respective upsell in dependence on each round-up amount; and

outputting a signal indicative of each upsell.

190. A method comprising:

generating a purchase price of the purchase;

setting a required payment amount to be equal to the purchase price;

transmitting the purchase price to a processing system; and

if a rounded price is received from the processing system, setting the required payment amount to be equal to the rounded price.

191. An apparatus comprising:

a storage device; and

a processor connected to the storage device;

the storage device storing

a required payment amount, and

a program for controlling the processor;

the processor operative with the program to

generate a purchase price of the purchase;

set the required payment amount to be equal to the purchase price;

transmit the purchase price to the processing system; and

if a rounded price is received from the processing system, set

the required payment amount to be equal to the rounded price.

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Please AMEND the claims as follows

192 (previously numbered 190). (AMENDED) [The method of claim 186,] A computer implemented method comprising:

generating a purchase price of a purchase;

determining an upsell in dependence on the purchase price, in which determining an upsell comprises [:] searching a database of a plurality of upsells, each of the plurality of upsells having a corresponding price range;

determining an upsell price in dependence on the purchase price; and offering to exchange the upsell for the upsell price.

193 (previously numbered 191). (AMENDED) [The method of claim 186,] A computer implemented method comprising:

generating a purchase price of a purchase;

determining an upsell in dependence on the purchase price;

determining an upsell price in dependence on the purchase price; and

offering to exchange the upsell for the upsell price; in which determining an upsell comprises:

determining a round-up amount based on the purchase price;

searching a database of a plurality of upsells, each of the plurality of upsells having a corresponding price range; and

selecting, from the plurality of upsells, at least one upsell having a corresponding price range that includes the round-up amount.

194 (previously numbered 192). (AMENDED) The method of claim 193 [191], in which determining the upsell price comprises:

setting the upsell price equal to the round-up amount.

195 (previously numbered 193). (AMENDED) [The method of claim 186,] A computer implemented method comprising:

generating a purchase price of a purchase;

determining an upsell in dependence on the purchase price, in which determining an upsell comprises [:] selecting an upsell that is profitably sold for change due;

determining an upsell price in dependence on the purchase price; and offering to exchange the upsell for the upsell price.

196. (AMENDED) A computer implemented method comprising:

generating a purchase price of a purchase;

determining an upsell in dependence on the purchase price, in which determining the upsell comprises selecting an upsell that is [may be] sold for a profit at a price lower than retail price in exchange for chage due;

determining an upsell price in dependence on the purchase price; and offering to exchange the upsell for the upsell price.

197 (previously numbered 195). (AMENDED) [The method of claim 186,]

A computer implemented method comprising:

generating a purchase price of a purchase;

determining an upsell in dependence on the purchase price;

determining an upsell price in dependence on the purchase price; and

offering to exchange the upsell for the upsell price; in which determining an upsell comprises:

selecting a product that has:

a cost not greater than an amount of change due, and

a retail price not less than the amount of change due.

198 (previously numbered 196). (AMENDED) [The method of claim 186,] A computer implemented method comprising:

generating a purchase price of a purchase;

determining an upsell in dependence on the purchase price;

determining an upsell price in dependence on the purchase price; and

offering to exchange the upsell for the upsell price; in which determining an upsell comprises:

selecting an upgrade from a first product to a second product,

the first product having a first cost and a first retail price, and

the second product having a second cost and a second retail price,

in which

a difference between the first cost and the second cost is not greater than an amount of change due, and

a difference between the first retail price and the second retail price is not less than the amount of change due.

- 199. (NEW) The method of claim 187, in which generating the rounded price comprises: rounding up the purchase price to a whole number.
- (NEW) The method of claim 187, in which generating the rounded price comprises: calculating a lowest whole number that is greater than the purchase price.
- 199. (NEW) The method of claim 198, in which generating the rounded price comprises: determining a lowest whole number that is a multiple of five.
- 200. (NEW) The method of claim 198, in which generating the rounded price comprises: determining a lowest whole number that is a multiple of one.
- 201. (NEW) The method of claim 187, in which determining an upsell comprises: searching a database of a plurality of upsells, each of the plurality of upsells having a corresponding range of prices; and

selecting, from the plurality of upsells, at least one upsell having a corresponding range of prices that includes the round-up amount.

- (NEW) The method of claim 201, in which each of the ranges of prices is based on a cost of the corresponding upsell, and a retail price of the corresponding upsell.
- 203. (NEW) The method of claim 187, in which determining the upsell comprises: selecting an upsell that is profitably sold for the round-up amount.
- 204. (NEW) The method of claim 187, in which determining the upsell comprises: selecting an upsell that may be sold at a price lower than retail price in exchange for the round-up amount.
- 205. (NEW) The method of claim 187, in which outputting the signal indicative of the upsell comprises:

 displaying text.
- 206. (NEW) The method of claim 187, in which outputting the signal indicative of the upsell comprises:

displaying text explain that the identified upsell may be purchased for the round-up amount.

207. (NEW) The method of claim 187, in which outputting the signal indicative of the upsell comprises:

displaying text that identifies the upsell and at least one of the round-up amount and the rounded price.

208. (NEW) The method of claim 187, further comprising: receiving a selection signal that indicates whether the upsell is to be sold.

- 209. (NEW) The method of claim 187, in which determining the upsell comprises: determining a plurality of upsells; and in which outputting the signal comprises: outputting a signal indicative of the plurality of upsells.
- generating a selection signal for indicating selection of at least one of the plurality of upsells.
- 213 (NEW) The method of claim 188, further comprising: receiving an acceptance in response to the offering.
- 212. (NEW) The method of claim 188, in which generating the rounded price comprises: rounding up the purchase price to a whole number.
- 213. (NEW) The method of claim 188, in which generating the rounded price comprises: calculating a lowest whole number that is greater than the purchase price.
- 214. (NEW) The method of claim 213, in which generating the rounded price comprises: determining a lowest whole number that is a multiple of five.
- 215. (NEW) The method of claim 213, in which generating the rounded price comprises: determining a lowest whole number that is a multiple of one.
- searching a database of a plurality of upsells, each of the plurality of upsells having a corresponding range of prices; and selecting, from the plurality of upsells, at least one upsell having a corresponding range of prices that includes the round-up amount.
- 217. (NEW) The method of claim 188, in which outputting the signal indicative of the upsell comprises:

 displaying text.
- 218. (NEW) The method of claim 188, in which outputting the signal indicative of the upsell comprises:

 displaying text explain that the identified upsell may be purchased for the round-up amount.
- (NEW) The method of claim 188, in which outputting the signal indicative of the upsell comprises:

 displaying text that identifies the upsell and at least one of the round-up amount and the rounded price.
- (NEW) The method of claim 188, further comprising: receiving a selection signal that indicates whether the upsell is to be sold.

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221. (NEW) The method of claim 188, in which determining the upsell comprises: determining a plurality of upsells; and in which outputting the signal comprises outputting a signal indicative of the plurality of upsells.

222. (NEW) The method of claim 188, further comprising:
generating a selection signal for indicating selection of at least one of the plurality of upsells.